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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

My name is Dave Zedrick and I am a small business owner. I've owned my commercial business property in Santa Rosa, CA for 44 years. I used to be with AT&T because they were the only game in my area of town. I switched to Sonic Internet and phone service approximately 15 years ago. Why? Because the service from AT&T in my area of town is very poor mostly because of the much older telephone wires in my area. When we had bad connection when we were still with AT&T, it took them forever to come out to repair the problem. After I switched to Sonic, my service improved, however, they are forced to use the same old AT&T telephone wires that feed our part of town. The big difference is Sonic's service. If we have a problem with static on our phone line, they are over the same day to do what they can to repair the problem.

The even bigger problem is now that AT&T is losing a lot of business to the cell phone providers (including to their cell phone division - don't feel sorry for them) AT&T is wanting to abandon their responsibility of maintaining the phone lines. Sonic does both. They are rapidly providing new fiber phone and internet accessibility to our area of California. And, they are doing it for very little more monthly charges to my monthly phone/internet bill than what it was when I started with them approximately 15 years ago. Please refuse to allow AT&T to take away access to critical unbundled network elements. Without access to this infrastructure, Sonic (our local provider) is at risk of losing access to a huge portion of their customer base which will force Sonic and other small independent AT&T competitors to charge higher rates to their customers plus will significantly slow Sonic's fiber deployment into the areas of town that AT&T doesn't plan to service anyway. All AT&T has on their mind is continuing to make much more money at the expense of myself and all the millions of other small business owners across the country so they can do another hundred billion dollar buyout of another huge mega business. AT&T has not been interested in their small customer base in many years. All they want is to be able to limit the opportunities to grow of all small companies, like Sonic, around the U.S. who are interested in providing more service to small customers at a reasonable price. Please don't approve AT&T's petition to take away access to critical unbundled network elements which would severely restrict small competitors of AT&T (like Sonic) to grow and provide services in areas that AT&T doesn't plan to serve anyway.

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